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VIENNA FOR LEDSKY

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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT DELEGATIONS TO VIENNA VI

1. GREEK CYPRIOT DELEGATION TO VIENNA VI;
-- TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS - GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR SINCE 1976.
AGE 43. HARD-LINE NEGOTIATOR AND HYPER-GREEK NATIONALIST (AS A
CONSEQUENCE VIEWED WITH CONSIDERABLE SUSPICION BY TURK CYPRIOTS).
AS AMBITIOUS, ACTIVE POLITICIAN HE IS INCLINED TO TAKE FLEXIBLE
OR COMPROMISING POSITIONS ON NATIONAL QUESTIONS BUT HAS ASSURED
ARCHBISHOP, WITH WHOM HE IS CLOSE, THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS SIDE
WILL NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AT VIENNA AND WILL ADHERE TO
ARCHBISHOP'S POLICY POSITIONS.
-- MICHAEL TRIANTAFYLLOIDES - ADVISOR TO THE NEGOTIATOR. JUSTICE
OF THE SUPREME COURT. AGE 50. RECENT INFORMATION INDICATES HE
HAS BEEN UNEASY THAT GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATING POSITION IS TOO
GENEROUS. AS MAKARIOS' MAN, HOWEVER, CAME INTO LINE WITH OFFICIAL
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POLICY AND MAY NOW BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT WHATEVER ARCHBISHOP AND
PAPADOPOULOS APPROVE.
-- STELLA SOULIOTI - ADVISOR TO THE NEGOTIATOR, PRESIDENT OF GREEK
CYPRIOT RED CROSS. AGE 57. A FORMER MINISTER AND A CAPABLE
LAWYER IN HER OWN RIGHT, SHE IS RESPECTED ACROSS A BROAD
SPECTRUM OF GREEK CYPRIOT SOCIETY AND HER PRESENCE ON DELAGATION
SHOULD BE A PLUS FOR SERIOUS NEGOTIATION. IN CONSERVATION SHE HAS

SHOWN REALISTIC VIEW OF WHAT COMPROMISES WILL BE NECESSARY TO REACH SETTLEMENT.

--CRITON TORNARITIS: ADVISOR TO NEGOTIATOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL. AGE 75. ARCHBISHOP'S LONG-TIME LEGAL ADVISOR WHO HAS PROVIDED LEGAL UNDERPINNINGS FOR A NUMBER OF DUBIOUS GREEK CYPRIOT ACTIVITIES. A RECENT PUBLICATION IN WHICH HE IS UNDERSTOOD BY THE TURK CYPRIOTS TO HAVE ARGUED THAT PRESENCE HERE OF TURKISH ARMY CONSTITUTES DURESS AND WILL RENDER A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT NULL AND VOID HAS BEEN AN UNHELPFUL CONTRIBUTION TO NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

--ANDREAS CHRISTOPHIDES- ADVISOR TO THE NEGOTIATOR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CYPRIOT BROADCASTING CORPORATION. AGE 39. INCLUDED IN DELEGATION AT REQUEST OF PAPADOUPOULOS WHO RELIES ON CHRISTOPHIDES' CANDID JUDGEMENT. IS VERY MUCH HIS OWN MAN AND IN CONSERVATIONS HAS SHOWN RARE PERSPECTIVE AND UNDERSTANDING OF REALISTIC OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE. MAY BE EXPECTED TO PLAY POSITIVE ROLE WITHIN DELEGATION. WILL ALSO SERVE AS DELEGATION'S PRIMARY CHANNEL TO THE MEDIA. U.S. OBSERVER IN VIENNA SHOULD FIND CHRISTOPHIDES' FRANKNESS USEFUL.

--RONALD MACDONALD. CANADIAN AUTHORITY ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. SOMETIME SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA. INCLUDED IN DELEGATION AS ADVISOR ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HERE.

2. TURKISH CYPRIOT DELEGATION:

--UMIT SULEIMAN ONAN: TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR SINCE APRIL 1976. A BRITISH-TRAINED LAWYER, HE IS FRIENDLY, MODERATE ON INTERCOMMUNAL ISSUES, AND TRUSTED BY DENKTASH. HE DOES NOT HAVE A STRONG PERSONALITY OR MUCH OF AN INPUT IN DECISION-MAKING ON THE TURKISH SIDE. HE WILL FAITHFULLY FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS, BUT WILL

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TRY TO PORTRAY THEM IN MODERATE TONE.

-- NEJATI MUNIR ERTEKUN: ADVISOR TO ONAN. ERTEKUN IS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SUPREME COURT. BRITISH-TRAINED, HE IS SOFT-SPOKEN, UNTRA-POLITE, MODERATE, DISCREET AND CAUTIOUS.

--RUSTEM TATAR: ADVISOR TO ONAN. FORMER "TFSC FINANCE MINISTER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF CYPRUS. A TECHNOCRAT WITH LITTLE POLITICAL INFLUENCE, HE IS MODERATE, FRIENDLY, AND SOMEWHAT LONG-WINED. PERSONALLY, HE ADVOCATES A QUICK SOLUTION, REMOVAL OF MOST MAINLAND PRESENCE, AND A NEW CNSTITUTION THAT WILL PERMIT EVOLUTION OF A CYPRUS IDENTITY.

--ESAT FELLAHOGLU (PRONOUNCED FELLAH-OH-LOO): DIRECTOR OF TURKISH CYPRIOT LAND REGISTRY OFFICE. FELLAHOGLU WILL BE PRESENT IN VIENNA ON STANDBY BASIS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO TURKISH CYPRIOT DELEGATION.

3. MAINLAND TURKISH PERSONALITIES WHO WILL BE PRESENT IN VIENNA, AND WITH INFLUENCE ON THE TURKISH CYCYPRIOT DELEGATION, WILL BE EKREM GUVENDIREN, DIRECTOR OF CYPRUS AFFAIRS IN THE TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE, AND TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA ASSAF INHAN.

AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GUVENDIREN, A TURKISH CYPRIOT BY ORIGIN, HAS A BAD REPUTATION WITH HIM OWNEMBASSY IN NICOSIA AND WITH UN. OSTENSIBLY FRIENDLY AND ACCOMMODATING, HE IS SEEN AS LESS THAN BRIGHT, A CONFUSER OF ISSUES, AND INFLEXIBLE. INHAN, WHO SERVED AS TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN CYPRUS FROM 1970 THROUGH 1976, IS BRIGHT, URBANE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE, BUT ALSO A TURKISH NATIONALIST WHOSE CYPRUS EXPERIENCE LEADS HIM TO THINK IN TERMS OF PERPETUAL CONFLICT BETWEEN GREEKS AND OPPRESSED TURKS.

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